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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RICHARD NICOLELLO, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, March 30, 2015
3:07 P.M.

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4 RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Chairman5 VINCENT MUSCARELLA,
Vice Chairman

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ROSE MARIE WALKER

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DONALD MACKENZIE

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DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON
Ranking

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10 LAURA CURRAN

11 SIELA A. BYNOE

12 WILLIAM J. MULLER, III
Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Calling the
3 Finance Committee to order. I would ask Mr.
4 Muller to please call the roll.

5 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Bynoe?

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

7 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Curran?

8 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

9 CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member
10 DeRiggi-Whitton?

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
12 Here.

13 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
14 MacKenzie?

15 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

16 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Walker?
17 (No verbal response.)

18 CLERK MULLER: Vice Chairman
19 Muscarella?

20 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

21 CLERK MULLER: And Chairman
22 Nicolello?

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Here.

24 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

25 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you.

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2 And Legislator Walker is here.

3 Item 97 of 2015 is a resolution
4 to authorize the County Executive to execute
5 an intermunicipal agreement with the County
6 of Westchester, Department of Laboratories
7 and Research to perform trace evidence
8 examination for the County of Nassau Medical
9 Examiner's Office.

10 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
13 Legislator MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator
14 Walker. Is there anyone here to talk about
15 this item?

16 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Good
17 afternoon, Sergeant Greg Stephanoff from the
18 Police Department.

19 This item is a contract with
20 Westchester County for \$15,000 for them to
21 perform our trace evidence analysis.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I know that
23 there were issues with the medical
24 examiner's office, the Nassau County lab,
25 and we have been doing this year after year.

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2 Do you have any idea as to how
3 long we will have to continue to farm this?

4 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Well, this
5 isn't a big portion of our evidence
6 management. The medical examiner is in the
7 process of taking over drug analysis. They
8 are getting accredited for that which is a
9 big portion of our evidence. Then they are
10 going to move -- each discipline as they
11 keep on getting accredited.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Do you have
13 any projection now?

14 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: The drug
15 analysis they said that they should be up
16 and running this year.

17 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Can we
18 expect that next year we won't have to do
19 this agreement with Westchester?

20 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: I can ask
21 them how long.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
23 DeRiggi-Whitton.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just
25 on the resolution it says term, it says

1 Finance Committee/3-30-15
2 March 1st, 2015 through February 28th, 2018.

3 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: It's a
4 multi-year contract.

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: But
6 I thought you just said maybe it's by next
7 year --

8 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: No. On
9 trace I would have to ask the medical
10 examiner. I'm not sure when they're going
11 to get up and running with trace. But we
12 only have to use -- we use the contract. We
13 don't have to use it. In other words, we
14 use it as we send them evidence. So, if we
15 get up and running, we can stop using the
16 contract.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
18 the through date is just discretionary if we
19 are going to need it, is that basically what
20 you're saying?

21 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: So the
23 contract is in place for three years.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
25 just thought it conflicted with what you

1 Finance Committee/3-30-15

2 said.

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
4 questions?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Thank you, sergeant. Any public
7 comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 All those in favor of passing
10 this, signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Those opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 It carries unanimously.

15 Items 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103,
16 104 of 2015, they're resolutions to
17 authorize the county assessor and/or the
18 county treasurer and/or the receiver of the
19 Town of Hempstead, North Hempstead, and
20 Oyster Bay to correct erroneous assessments
21 and taxes in accordance with the petitions
22 of the board of assessors of specific
23 properties situated in various school
24 districts.

25 They're also resolutions to

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2 authorize the county assessor and/or county
3 treasurer and/or receiver of taxes of the
4 Town of Hempstead, North Hempstead and
5 Oyster Bay to partially exempt from real
6 property taxation certain real properties
7 situated in various school districts.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
11 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
12 Muscarella. Do we have any discussion?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Is there any public comment?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 All those in favor signify by
17 saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 The items carry unanimously.

22 Items 106, 107, 108, 109, 110,
23 111, 112, 113, 114 of 2015 are ordinances
24 supplemental to the annual appropriation
25 ordinance in connection with the Office of

1 Finance Committee/3-30-15
2 Housing, Community Development, Correctional
3 Center, police department, department of
4 Toxicology, medical examiner, county clerk
5 and the Department of Health.

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
9 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
10 MacKenzie. Do we have any questions on
11 these items?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Is there any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 All those in favor signify by
16 saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Those opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 They all carry unanimously.

21 Item 115 of 2015 is an ordinance
22 amending Article 12 of Ordinance Number 56
23 of 1962 as amended constituting the Nassau
24 County Fire Prevention Ordinance and making
25 certain determinations pursuant to the State

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2 Environmental Quality Review Act.

3 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by

6 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by

7 Legislator Walker. Anyone here to discuss

8 these items? It was discussed in Public

9 Safety and we ask that the minutes be

10 incorporated by reference.

11 (Whereupon, please refer to the

12 minutes of the Public Safety Committee dated

13 3-30-15 pertaining to Clerk Item 115-15 at

14 pages 12-17.)

15 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Just

16 briefly.

17 ASSISTANT CHIEF PRIEST: John

18 Priest, Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office,

19 Assistant Chief. This is to raise certain

20 fees that have last been raised between 2007

21 and 2011.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Those

23 increases are except for emergency light and

24 alarm permit fees; is that correct?

25 ASSISTANT CHIEF PRIEST: That is

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2 correct. Those fees were last raised in
3 2013. They are not being touched now.

4 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: The
5 increases are to cover the cost of living as
6 well as wage increases?

7 ASSISTANT CHIEF PRIEST: That's
8 correct, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Do we have
10 any further questions? Thank you.

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Is there any public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 All those in favor signify by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Those opposed?

18 (Nay.)

19 That item passes four to three.

20 Item 116 of 2015 is an ordinance
21 supplemental to the annual appropriation
22 ordinance in connection with the Office of
23 Housing and Community Development.

24 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

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2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
3 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
4 MacKenzie. Any discussion?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Is there any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 All those in favor signify by
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Those opposed?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 That item carries unanimously.

14 Item 117 is a resolution to
15 authorize the transfer of appropriations
16 heretofore made within the budget for the
17 year 2015.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
21 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
22 Muscarella. Any discussion?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Is there any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 All those in favor signify by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Those opposed?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 That item carries unanimously.

8 Item 118 of 2015 is a resolution
9 authorizing the County Executive to execute
10 a grant agreement between the County of
11 Nassau acting on behalf of the Department of
12 Parks, Recreation and Museums and the
13 Massapequa Public Library.

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
17 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
18 MacKenzie. Any discussion?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Is there any public comment?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 All those in favor signify by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Those opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 That item carries unanimously.

4 Items 122 and 124 of 2015,

5 resolutions to authorize the transfer of

6 appropriations heretofore made within the

7 budget year for the year 2015.

8 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by

11 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by

12 Legislator Walker. Any discussion?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Is there any public comment?

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: If

16 it's okay, I will defer to Laura.

17 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Do we know

18 yet how many employees are going to be -- do

19 we have someone to ask?

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Yes. On

21 Items 122 and 124. Mr. May.

22 MR. MAY: The question is, how

23 many employees are we going to have, the

24 initial employees for the CSEA positions are

25 going to be either seven or eight.

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2 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Very good.

3 That was my next question. Also, do we know
4 how many employees are coming from other
5 county departments or are they new hires?

6 MR. MAY: You know, it's
7 complicated. We interviewed 75 individuals
8 for these seven or eight positions. We have
9 given about 25, 30 of those call backs but
10 we haven't made any announcements one way or
11 another. So I would prefer not to comment
12 on the record about the hiring until after
13 decisions are made.

14 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Fair
15 enough. Do we know how many are being hired
16 from -- I guess we wouldn't know, it's too
17 soon. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,
19 Mr. May.

20 MR. MAY: You're welcome.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
22 discussion?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Is there any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 All those in favor signify by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Those opposed?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Those items carry unanimously.

8 Item 125 of 2015 is a resolution
9 authorizing the County Executive to execute
10 a grant agreement between the County of
11 Nassau acting on behalf of the District
12 Attorney's Office and MADD Long Island.

13 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
16 Legislator MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator
17 Walker. Do we have any discussion?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Is there any public comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 All those in favor signify by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Those opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 That item carries unanimously.

3 Item 126 of 2015 is an ordinance
4 making certain determination pursuant to
5 SEQRA and authorizing the county executive
6 of the County of Nassau to accept on behalf
7 of the County of Nassau an offer of purchase
8 from 110 Graham Realty, L.L.C. of certain
9 premises located in the Village of
10 Hempstead.

11 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
14 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
15 Legislator Walker. Any discussion on this
16 item? This went through Planning a little
17 earlier and I ask that the minutes be
18 incorporated by reference.

19 (Whereupon, please refer to the
20 minutes of the Planning Committee dated
21 3-30-2015 pertaining to Clerk Item 126 at
22 pages 4-7.)

23 Do you have a question Legislator
24 DeRiggi-Whitton? No? You're good.

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 Is there any public comment?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 All those in favor signify by
5 saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Those opposed?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 That item carries unanimously.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Item 134 of
11 2015 is a resolution to authorize the
12 transfer of appropriations heretofore made
13 within the budget for the year 2015.

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
17 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
18 MacKenzie. Do we have any discussion?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Is there any public comment?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 All those in favor signify by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Those opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 That item carries unanimously.

4 May I have a motion?

5 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

6 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
7 Muscarella makes a motion that we suspend
8 the rules.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Seconded by
11 Legislator Walker. All in favor signify by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Those opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 The rules are suspended.

17 We have one item on the addendum.
18 It's 135 of 2015, a resolution authorizing
19 the County Attorney to agree to a settlement
20 related to a contract between Intergraph
21 Corporation and Nassau County.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
25 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator

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2 Muscarella. This is a settlement so we're
3 going to go into executive session.

4 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
7 Mackenzie made the motion to go into
8 executive session, and seconded by
9 Legislator Walker. All those in favor of
10 going into executive session signify by
11 saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Those opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 We're in executive session.

16 (Whereupon, the Finance Committee
17 recessed into executive session at 3:18
18 p.m. and reconvened at 3:32 p.m.)

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: We're out of
20 executive session. We have Item 135-15 in
21 front of us. Do we have any discussion?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Is there any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 All those in favor signify by

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2 saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Those opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Carries unanimously.

7 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Motion to
8 adjourn.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Motion to
11 adjourn by Legislator MacKenzie, seconded by
12 Legislator Walker. All those in favor
13 signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Those opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Carries unanimously. Rules is
18 next.

19 (Whereupon, the Finance Committee
20 adjourned at 3:33 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New
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THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
and accurate transcript of the same and the
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this _____ day of _____,
2015.

FRANK GRAY